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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: David Martin, et al §  
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Title: Downhole Connector for Production §  
Tubing and Control Line and Method §  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2001 please make the following amendments:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A clean version of claim 38, amended, appears below. A marked up version appears after the Remarks.

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38. The method of claim 36, further comprising:  
inserting the end of the tubing string sealingly into a seal bore in the downhole assembly;  
locking the tubing string in the seal bore with said upper and lower portions of said control  
line sealingly connected as a result of said inserting.

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed March 24, 2001. Applicants appreciate the Examiner pointing out the improper dependency in claim 38. This informality has been corrected by amending claim 38.

Unfortunately, the substantive rejections of all the claims as anticipated by Kellet, Cassity, or Leisner did not offer Applicants no guidance as to how the Examiner read each reference on the claim elements. Only the rejection over Leisner pointed to specific figures but without explanation

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